

RARITAN VALLEY ARTS ASSOCIATION Est. 1939

October 2000 Newsletter

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Orange-tinted Greetings!

Pumpkins are plump, the leaves are changing, and I hope the first real frost waits a few more weeks (for the sake of gardens and outside fish everywhere). Take some time from your harvesting (whether you harvest pumpkins, tomatoes, or paintings) and come to RVAA's next super meeting, Monday, October 16th, 7:30 pm at the Pluckemin Presbyterian Church. We'll host the noted art historian and appraiser Thomas Folk, who will give a slide lecture on the Impressionists of Pennsylvania. Thomas Folk will also have available his newest book, on the Impressionists of PA, available for autographed purchase. This new program-venture of RVAA should prove really interesting and exciting!

Another reminder that RVAA dues are due--\$22. individual dues; \$28. family dues; and \$10. student (through high school age). Please send your check made out to RVAA to Membership Chairman Doug Axmann, 16 Schoolhouse Lane, Somerville, NJ, 08876. And to some of you who've wondered where your Newsletter is, perhaps you've not paid your dues, and so are not on Doug's list!

Some disappointments, perhaps, but we'll muddle through. The 1860 House, Montgomery Arts Council, is so booked with shows (a good sign, though) that RVAA's show there isn't until November 2001, instead of 2000, as last reported. And details on our Holiday Show at the Somerset County Library are still very much up in the air, as their building schedule is behind. We do have the display cases for January, but how much space we'll have in December is not yet known. Details on this and on our December Holiday Dinner, which Nona Rutter has graciously volunteered to chair, will be in your November NEWSLETTER. Don't miss it!

With the very sad loss of our John Spitzmiller, RVAA has also, of course, lost its great Hospitality Chairperson. Volunteers agreed to bring "goodies" each month this year to meetings, but we would very much like a chairperson to (wo)man the coffee pot and be in charge. Will President Linda Arnold hear her phone (908/647-3610) ring with a volunteer?

RVAA received an invitation to attend the Garden State Watercolor Society's 31st Annual Juried Exhibition presently at the Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital at Hamilton, until December 8th. And the New Jersey Water Color Society's Juried Show is presently at the Monmouth Museum. Tewksbury's Juried Show closes Saturday, Oct. 7 but right after that is the Mountain Art Show, which was juried by slides for the first time, but it is not too late to enter the "cash & carry" part, with receiving 10/15.

MEMBERS IN THE NEWS

LINDA ARNOLD had her work accepted into the annual open juried show of the New Jersey Water Color Society, presently at the Monmouth Museum.

JOAN RAUSHI has a one woman show of her paintings at the Bernardsville Library during the month of October. Her opening reception was October 8th (and should you receive this before the 8th, please do come!)

LINDA TAFFE was accepted into the Catharine Lorillard Wolfe 104th Exhibition at the National Arts Club in New York City and having just been accepted into the GSWS Open Juried Show in Hamilton, for the third time, Linda now is awarded Full Membership in the GSWS. Linda also had her paintings accepted into the NJWCS Exhibit at the Monmouth Museum and NJ-AAPL Open Exhibition of Representational Art 2000 at the Paper Mill Playhouse.

DORIS TERRIS, pws, had a painting accepted into the New Jersey chapter of the American Artists Professional League Juried Exhibition and received a Merit Award. This exhibition, at the Paper Mill Playhouse in Millburn, NJ, runs through October 22.

SONJA WEIR was in the invitational show "Who Am I?" at the Barron Art Center, Woodbridge, NJ. Sonja also was the subject of a featured article in the April 16, 2000 issue of the NEW JERSEY STAR LEDGER.

Now, please keep these cards and letters with YOUR news coming!